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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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| hereby provid examination o | ed certain info f the subject U | rmation which the Examiner | s of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is r may consider material to the quested that the Examiner make ramination of the application. |
| I. 37 CFR § | 1.97 Basis. Th | nis Information Disclosure Sta | atement is filed: |
| A | under 37 CFR 1 2 3 | within three months of fili date of entry of an internatio before mailing date for first | office action on the merits; or office action after the filing of a |
| В. <u>Х</u> | B. X under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) after the 37 CFR § 1.97(b) time period, but before the mail date of any final office action, notice of allowance, or any action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, together with either: | | |
| | 1 2. <u>X</u> | below), or | nder 37 CFR § 1.97(e) (see II .§ 1.17(p). |
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| | | 1 a certification statement under 37 CRF § 1.97(e) (see II below), and 2 a \$180.00 fee under 37 CRF § 1.17(p). |
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| 11. | Certifi checke | ication. Certification statement applicable if item $I(B)(1)$ or $I(C)(1)$ is ed: |
| A | Δ | In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), it is certified that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement., or; |
| E | 3 | In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2), it is certified that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known by any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. |
| III. | Attachm 37 CFR are: | nents. United States patent documents are not being submitted pursuant to § 1.98(a). Enclosures accompany this Information Disclosure Statement |
| | A. — B. — C. — | foreign search reports foreign patent documents other publications listed on the attached PTO-1449, PTO/SB08a or PTO/SB08b |
| IV. | Docume | ents previously submitted for continuing applications. |
| | A | This application is a continuing application; accordingly, copies of publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, PTO/SB08a or PTO/SB08b from prior application no of which this publication claims priority under 35 USC § 120, are not being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d). |
| V. | Suppler | nental Information Disclosure Statement (check either V(A) or V(B)) |
| | A | This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure |

omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement can be considered as if properly filed on _____.

B. ____ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed within one (1) month of a USPTO notice under 37 CFR § 1.97(i).

VI. No admission. No admission is made that the information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is, or is considered to be, prior art or material to patentability. No representation is made by the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement that a search has been made other than a search report attached hereto. 37 CFR §§ 1.97.

VII. Comments.

VIII. Payment. If a fee is due pursuant to the above, payment by credit card is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional or omitted fee required or credit any overpayment for this Information Disclosure Statement and/or Petition to Deposit Account 500601.

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